

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A fencing system, comprising:

a first rail consisting of at least two metal wires ensheathed in a plastic web, wherein the first rail is rigid yet manually deformable in the absence of any assembly thereof with the fencing system;

a first slotted connector made of steel having a face plate with a throughhole and ~~two~~ a first and second slot~~[[s]]~~ formed within the face plate in a planar surface thereof, the first slotted connector including a substantially planar middle portion separating the two slots, the first slotted connector having a front side and a rear side and also having a post attachment end, wherein the first slotted connector comprises return edges extending along opposing sides of the face plate, the return edges extending perpendicularly from and past the face plate for guiding the first rail therebetween, wherein the face plate includes a bend between the first slot and the post attachment end;

a first free end of the first rail being disposed in the first slotted connector so that the first rail runs from the front side of the first slotted connector through ~~[[a]]~~ the first slot nearest the post attachment end, around the middle portion, and then back through the second slot; ~~and~~

a wood post having a substantially circular cross section to which the first slotted connector is attached using a first fastener inserted through the throughhole of the post attachment end, which permits the first slotted connector to pivot about the first fastener, wherein the first fastener is a lag bolt;

a second rail consisting of at least two metal wires ensheathed in a plastic web, wherein the second rail is rigid yet manually deformable in the absence of any assembly thereof with the fencing system;

a second slotted connector made of steel having a face plate with a throughhole and a first and second slot formed within the face plate in a planar surface thereof, the second slotted connector including a substantially planar middle portion

separating the two slots, the second slotted connector having a front side and a rear side and also having a post attachment end, wherein the second slotted connector comprises return edges extending along opposing sides of the face plate, the return edges extending perpendicularly from and past the face plate for guiding the second rail therebetween, wherein the face plate includes a bend between the first slot and the post attachment end;

a first free end of the second rail being disposed in the second slotted connector so that the second rail runs from the front side of the second slotted connector through the first slot nearest the post attachment end, around the middle portion, and then back through the second slot;

a second wood post having a substantially circular cross section to which the second slotted connector is attached using a second fastener inserted through the throughhole of the post attachment end, which permits the second slotted connector to pivot about the second fastener, wherein the second fastener is a lag bolt;

a slotted joining connector having a face plate with a first slot, a second slot, and a third slot, the slotted joining connector having a front side and a rear side, a substantially planar middle portion separating the first slot and the second slot and a substantially planar middle portion separating the second slot and the third slot;

a second free end of the first rail being disposed in the slotted joining connector so that the second rail runs from the front side of the slotted joining connector through the second slot, around the middle portion separating the first slot and the second slot, and then back through the first slot; and

a second free end of the second rail being disposed in the slotted joining connector so that the second rail runs from the front side of the slotted joining connector through the second slot, around the middle portion separating the second slot and the third slot, and then back through the third slot.

Claims 2-20 (Cancelled)